Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—What exactly is meant was "redistribution of work by found necessary and that has been done."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—Then there was more than sufficient work in one section and less work in other sections and the excess work from one section was never distributed to the other sections. Now it is being done.

Mr. President.—As a matter of fact Government have very serious doubts as to whether the press is worked on economic lines. For my own part I am of opinion that it is worked uneconomically. It is why we are calling in an expert to examine it.

Volunteers—Government Press.

103. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many volunteers are working in the Government Press;

(2) what is the period of service of these volunteers;

(3) during the past three years, how many outsiders were appointed to posts;

(4) on 17th Makaram 1110, 16th Medam 1110 and 6th Mithunam 1110, were peons appointed in preference to volunteers?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(1) There are 25 volunteers now working in the Government Press.

(2) Please see statement appended. (*Appendix I*).

(3) One.

(4) There were no appointments of peons on these dates.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Were ever peons appointed in preference to volunteers?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know what is the nature of the work done on the voluntary basis?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— All the kinds of work like composing, printing, binding done in the Press.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— With reference to No. 2, what is the work of the post to which this outsider was appointed ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— In 1111 we got down a new machine and that was being worked by electricity. It was found necessary to appoint one who had some knowledge of the machanism and this particular man who was a thrown-out hand had some knowledge of the machanism and he was put in charge of it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*— So he was not an outsider ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*— He was a thrown-out hand.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*—ടാസ്ക്ക വക്കേഴ്സു ലീവെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ ആ സ്ഥാനത്തു വാളണ്ടിയേഴ്സിനെ നിയമിക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ *(Secretary to Government).*— ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*—ഈ ടാസ്ക്ക വക്കിൽ പെട്ടവർ പെൻഷൻപററി പിരിയുമ്പോൾ ആ സ്ഥാനത്തു വാളണ്ടിയേഴ്സിനെ നിയമിക്കാതെ പുറമെനിന്നു ആരെയെങ്കിലും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ *(Secretary to Government).*— നോട്ടീസില്ലാതെ ഉത്തരം പറയാൻ തരമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*—അവിടത്തെ ശിപായിമാരിൽനിന്നു ആരെയെങ്കിലും ഇങ്ങിനെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ *(Secretary to Government).*— നോട്ടീസുവേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ *(Ezhuvas North).*—ബയിൻറിങ് സെക്ഷനിലുള്ള വാളണ്ടിയേഴ്സിനു കൊടുക്കാതെ ഒഴിവു വന്ന സ്ഥാനത്തു് പുറമെനിന്ന് ആരെയെങ്കിലും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻ നായർ *(Secretary to Government).*— നോട്ടീസില്ലാതെ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there is any limit to the number of volunteers taken? Here we find 25 men with services ranging from 12 days to 6 years?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I may say for the information of the House that there has not been up till now any real restriction in the number of volunteers. What has been going on is that a volunteer who has been entertained goes on there for ever and whenever there was any necessity to take other volunteers they used to be entertained also. I have now been examining the system and trying to see, subject of course to the expert opinion whether it would not be advisable that volunteers should be taken only for a number of years and after that to hold an examination and to retain only those who have some aptitude for the work. Periodical examinations are to be held so far as these volunteers are concerned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can we take it Sir that when any post falls vacant the volunteer will naturally be given preference?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The general rule is the seniormost volunteer will be given that chance.

Persons sent to Civil Jail for non-payment of decree-debts—Particulars regarding.

104. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of persons that were sent to Civil Jail for non-payment of decree debts in each of the years 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1113; what was the aggregate debt for which they were jailed (the figures for each year may be kindly given);

(b) how many of such debtors served their full term in Jail and how many went out after discharging their debts or on adjustment of their liabilities with the creditors;

(c) how many such debtors had filed insolvency petitions?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) A statement is appended *(Appendix II).*

(b) 3 persons in the year 1110, 6 in the year 1112 and one in the year 1113 served their full term.

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APPENIX I.

(Question No. 103.)

Statement of volunteers in the Government Press with their services as it stood on 1st Vrischigam 1113.

Serial No.	Name of volunteers.	Service. Y.	M.	D.
1	T. K. Damodaran	6	2	2
2	S. S. Joseph.	6	2	0
3	P. R. Narayanan	3	1	26
4	P. O. Ouseph	3	1	26
5	P. P. Abraham	2	7	0
6	Abraham Alias	2	2	12
7	N. Rajan Menon	1	11	8
8	T. M. Balakrishnan Chetty	1	11	22
9	C. I. Kumaran	1	10	2
10	T. M. Mathew	1	6	11
11	M. J. Thimathes	1	6	11
12	K. Damodaran	1	6	11
13	A. K. Muhamadkutty	0	9	0
14	K. Rama Kurup	0	9	0
15	N. Raman	0	9	0
16	T. G. Damodaran	0	9	0
17	P. C. Joseph	0	9	0
18	K. P. Bhaskara Menon	0	1	13
19	M. Aravindakshan	0	1	13
20	P. J. Verghese	0	1	13
21	T. L. Abraham	0	1	13
22	M. C. Sreedharan	0	1	13
23	T. O. Ouseph	0	1	11
24	T. N. Bhaskaran	0	1	16
25	C. C. Thomas	0	0	12

APPENDIX II.

(Question No. 104.)

Statement showing the number of persons that were sent to Jail for non-payment of decree debts, etc. in 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1113.

Year	No. of persons	Amount of debt Rs.	As.	Ps.
1110	144	25,958	9	5
1111	95	19,054	2	5
1112	116	21,319	0	7
1113	28	5,659	14	9

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